

What Causes Lynching.

The papers in the east are all very much worked up over the first lynching that ever took place in Pennsylvania. They are loud in their demands that the farmers who did the lynching should be punished. Snyder, the man lynched, brutally killed two respectable people as they slept, and left three helpless children orphans. He acknowledged the crime. There are other circumstances connected with the deed that make it one of the most atrocious tragedies on record. Of course lynching is wrong, but it is the trickeries of law that make lynching common. A recent Nebraska paper says in referring to discharges of murderers on technicalities: "It is not a little singular that all these decisions are made practically to favor the vicious and the criminal. There is not one, we venture to say, among all the decisions of our Supreme-court, that has rendered justice more certain or more decisive. These technicalities are always found to favor the side of injustice—always tend to override equity—are always found to shield acknowledged criminals from the just punishment of criminality." This kind of thing will doubtless make lynching more frequent out in Nebraska. Ohio claims to be a more law-abiding state than either Pennsylvania or Nebraska. Cincinnati is the Paris of Ohio. In the year just closed twenty persons were murdered in Cincinnati. Have any of the murderers been hung? Not one. Are any of the murderers in the penitentiary? Just one; and he is a poor negro who had no money to get the quibbles of law turned in his defense. Most of the others got free on legal technicalities. There are many people who think that if these twenty had been lynched society would not have been much the worse.

Progress in New Zealand.

New Zealand is making great progress in the cultivation of its soil and in the introduction of foreign plants. The government of the colony has arranged for the shipment this month of a number of Japanese fruit trees, apple, orange and plum, and other trees and shrubs. The temperature of New Zealand is considered to be so much like that of Japan that it is hoped these fruit trees will easily become acclimatized and thrive well. There is some prospect, too, of making New Zealand a wine-growing country. Some French vine-growers have decided to plant a piece of land to the north of Auckland as vineyard. It is also proposed to introduce the tea plant in the same district. Some time ago the colony introduced a large number of English sparrows and linnets, and made special provisions for their protection. Both sparrows and linnets have got on so well in New Zealand and multiplied so rapidly that the protection which has hitherto been extended to them has now been removed.

Abolishing the Pistol.

The legislature of Illinois will, at its approaching session, be asked to pass a law making it an offense to sell, give, hire or loan a pistol or other deadly weapon to any minor. The enforcement of such law would greatly reduce the lists of crimes and accidents. A general disarmament of Young America is one of the needs of the time. The small boy must be put upon a peace footing.

The population of the United States, on the first day of June last, was 50,152,539. If the ratio of increase from 1870 to 1880 has been maintained since June, the population of the union, on the first day of January, 1881, was 51,005,150. It is safe to set it down in round figures at 51,000,000.

The Census.

The following statement shows the population of certain states and territories according to the United States census of 1880. This statement is still subject to possible corrections by reason of the discovery of omissions or duplications of names in the list of inhabitants returned:

Table with 2 columns: State/Territory and Population. Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, West Virginia, District of Columbia, Montana, Washington.

The Earth's Population.

Behm and Wagner, in the last edition of their book on the population of the earth, estimate the entire population of the inhabited globe at 1,456,000,000 persons. Europe, without counting Iceland and Nova Zembla, is believed to have 315,929,000 inhabitants on an area of 176,349.9 German square miles, or at the rate of 1,791 persons to the German square mile; Asia is put down as having 834,707,000 inhabitants, on 899,478 square miles—that is, 1,031 persons to the square mile; Africa, as having 205,679,000 inhabitants, on 543,178 square miles, or 378 persons to the square mile; America, as having 94,495,500 on 691,138.5 square miles, or 137 to the square mile; Australasia, as having 4,031,000, on 162,909 square miles—that is 24 persons to the square mile; the Arctic regions are assumed to have 82,000 inhabitants on 82,091 square miles, or about one person to every square mile. The sum total, as observed, is 1,455,923,500 persons, on 2,470,903.4 square miles, or at the rate of 589 persons on the German square mile. The German empire comprises 9,815.6 square miles, with a population in 1878 of 44,210,948 persons.

Derivation of the Word Blizzard.

The derivation of the word "blizzard" is not generally known. We will elucidate: When one of those superior creatures who inhabit Boston enters his aesthetic home on a cold night he removes his cultured muffler from his refined throat and remarks: "The atmospheric exuberance is antagonistic to the preservation of caloric in the physiological structure," which, translated, means, "it blows hard." When a degenerate Chicago man returns home at 3 A. M. from a chicken fight, after having observed the fall of the mercury and several other things in liquid form, he explains the state of the atmosphere to the angry partner of his joys as follows: "M'dearsh, bl'shard—bl'zzard," after which he encounters a blizzard from his indignant spouse.

New Year's Cards.

The practice of making New Year's cards dates from a time immemorial—at least from time colonial when everybody knew his neighbor. The practice of using New Year's cards is of comparatively modern date. They were first used in New York in 1808-9. Then the designs were not very elaborate, but the idea took and soon after became almost universal. Now a great deal of artistic skill is lavished on the cards and they can be purchased from ten cents a dozen up to \$50 for a single card. The latter price is paid for choice hand-painted cards, and are not extensively used by the poorer class of society. Some cards are decorated—or not as the case may be—by the portrait of the caller. The photo calling cards are very handy to recognize the owner by in case he calls too often on the wine when it is red.

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Horse Education.

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